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CHATSWORTH
Reisterstown, Maryland.

Private.

CHATSWORTH, at the very edge of the town, was the dwelling of a prosperous farmer. of traditional style, it was built substantially of stone and brick and only its smallest details indicate its nineteenth century date. The dairy-smokehouse remains of the many buildings once required to support rural and village life. The barn foundations remain (today on an adjacent property) indicating the very large size of the barn, typical of prosperous farms in the area.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Chatsworth

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

21 West Chatsworth Avenue

6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ruth S. Rodgers

Telephone #: Unlisted

STREET & NUMBER

21 Chatsworth Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21136

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County

Liber #: 5297

Folio #: 702

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Chatsworth is a two story stone house with a gabled roof, five bays in length, flush end chimneys, its principal facade to the east. Exterior walls are covered with stucco. At the rear or west side of the northerly three bays is a shed-roofed wing, its roof a continuation of that over the main house but at a slightly lower pitch. Extending west beyond this small wing is a two story wing two bays of which are of brick and two bays are of frame. Interior chimneys are at the west end of each section. A one-story shed-roofed wing is at the extreme west end. The house dates from ca. 1830.

The principal entrance is centered in the east front and it is enframed with a wooden surround in the fluted Greek-revival Doric order. First story windows are 9/6 and second story windows are 6/6; all are set in narrow frames. A 4/4 window is in the north side of the shed-roofed wing. Typical first story windows in both sections of the rear wing are 6/6 while those of the second story are 6/3. Doors are in the easterly bay of the south side of both sections of the rear wing. A shed-roofed porch extends across the south side of the brick section and a small shed-roofed porch shelters the door in the easterly bay of the frame section.

The interior of this house is not accessible for a detailed inspection. Within is a narrow center hall containing an open staircase with an intermediate landing to the second floor. A single room is on either side. A small room is in the shed-roofed wing. Each section of the rear wing contains a single room. Each room has a fireplace including a very large one in the small shed-roofed wing at the extreme west end. The second story plan is similar. Most interior trim is original.

A cellar is beneath the large and small northerly rooms of the principal stuccoed stone section. A separate cellar is beneath the brick section of the rear wing and another is beneath the frame section of the rear wing. There is no cellar beneath the center hall or the southerly room.

A two story brick outbuilding immediately south of the rear wing contains a dairy room in the lower story (slightly below grade) and a smoke house above. A small frame addition is to the west.

The stone foundations of a very large barn stand northwest of the dwelling. Built into the slight hillside, the lower story opened on grade to the south and the upper story was accessible from grade to the north.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chatsworth sets on a tract of land known as "Spring Garden". In 1767, Vachel Worthington and Thomas Sligh, conveyed "Spring Garden" as well as "The Chase" to Benedict Swope. (Marks, op. cit., p. 33). Swope conceived the first "housing development" in Reisterstown, laying out building lots and streets and calling it New German Town. He built a large stone house, set well back from the main road, north of Cockeys Mill Road (Dickson, op. cit., p. 10). The deed for Swope's lot was not found, but it is mentioned in AL No. B: 157 Swope and his wife, apparently never lived in this development themselves (Marks, op. cit., p. 35).

In 1768, Daniel Bower, one of the earliest settlers in the development, bought 55 acres from Swope (B No. Q, 1767-68:687ff). This purchase included the stone house, which he apparently rented out eventually to William Berryman, a son-in-law who is listed as Occupant in the Direct Federal Assessment of 1798: No. 3324. Daniel Bower, owner; William Berryman, Occupant. Pt of Chase and Spring Garden. One stone dwelling House two story, 24 x 18. . . 68 acres. Valuation \$896.00. Daniel Bower suffered financial reversals after the revolutionary war. In 1792, he had to sell his real estate on the west side of the turnpike to Edward Crawford and Thomas Hartley of Pennsylvania. He later redeemed part of the land in 1797 (including house and lot) deeding some to son-in-law Andrew Banks and John Banks (Marks op. cit., p. 123).

Daniel Bower's daughter, Catharine Bower, had married Andrew Banks. Banks kept a general store on the Bowers' property along Main Street (Marks, op. cit., p. 124). They had one child, Daniel Bower Banks. He became a prominent Baltimore City merchant and the president of the Union Manufacturing Company in Oella, Maryland (later the W. J. Dickey and Sons company). While he owned considerable real estate in the city, he established a summer estate on the Banks property we are considering. He may have built the present house which dates from 1830. He renamed it "Chatsworth" after his town residence (Marks, op. cit., p. 124). Daniel Banks married Margaret Whitelock in 1830. They had children and one was a son, Andrew Banks. He became a member of the Maryland House of Delegates 1872, 1874, 1878. (Marks, op. cit., p. 125). He took a long sea voyage, and upon his return, he commenced the cultivation of "Chatsworth" estate (Scharf, op. cit., p. 856). He had finally purchased back land in 1883 from the Forney estate when it was put up for auction (WMI 139/130). It was 171-3/4 acres. This had belonged originally to Daniel Bower.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Marks, Lillian B. Reisters Desire (Baltimore, 1975)
 Scharf, Louis History of Baltimore County & City (
 Land Records Baltimore County Courthouse Towson, Maryland)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.82 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY James T. Wollon, A.I.A.

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Helen Horsham, Volunteer Researcher

6/79

ORGANIZATION

Historic Resiterstown, Inc.

DATE

833-3078 (Ms. Ives)

STREET & NUMBER

430 Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown, Maryland

STATE

21136

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Baltimore County

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Significance, continued

Andrew Banks died in 1909. A mortgage which he had taken from C. Ridgely Goodwin and Frank X. Jenkins in 1883 was foreclosed. In 1911, the property was sold by William O'Brien, an attorney to Chatsworth Realty Company, for \$25,000.00 (WPC 381/539).

In 1921, Chatsworth Realty sold part of the property to Joshua G. Harvey (WPC 551/58). Many residents still refer to this house as the Harvey place.

In 1967, Elizabeth Norris Harvey, et. al., sold the property to Henry P. Rodgers and Ruth S. Rodgers (OTG 4796/309).

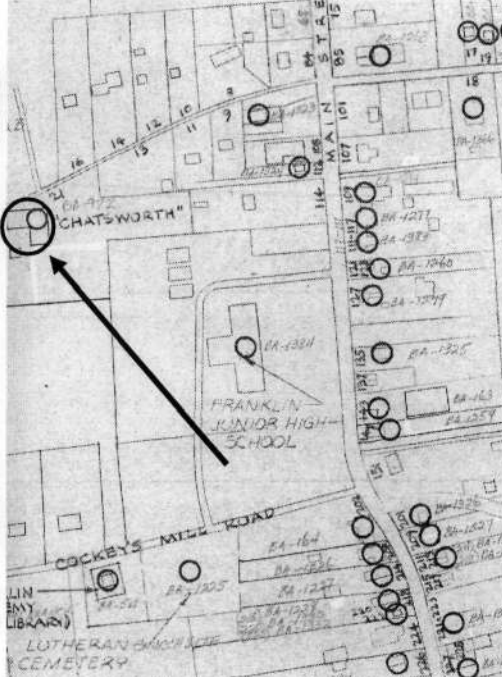
Ruth S. Rodgers purchased the property from Henry P. Rodgers in 1972. She is the current owner (EHK, Jr. 5297/702).

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 Reisterstown Quadrangle

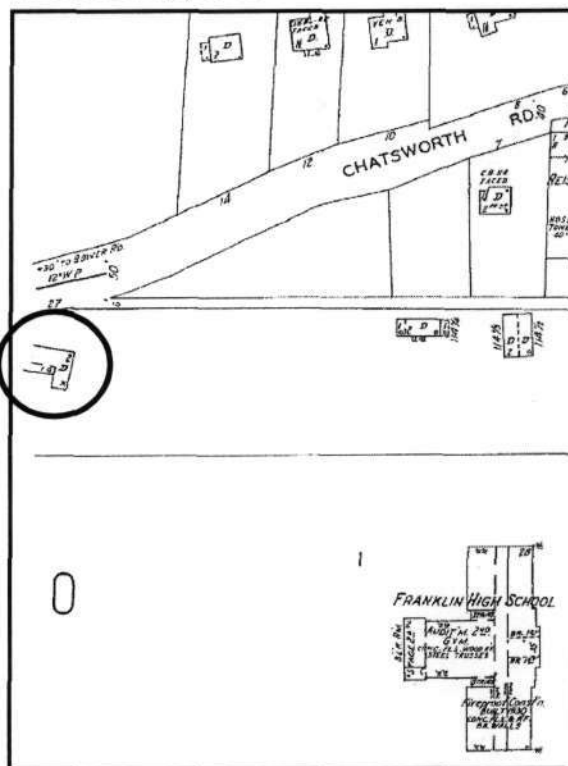


Sanborn Map, 1950

Detail Map, 1977



G.M. Hopkins Atlas, 1877



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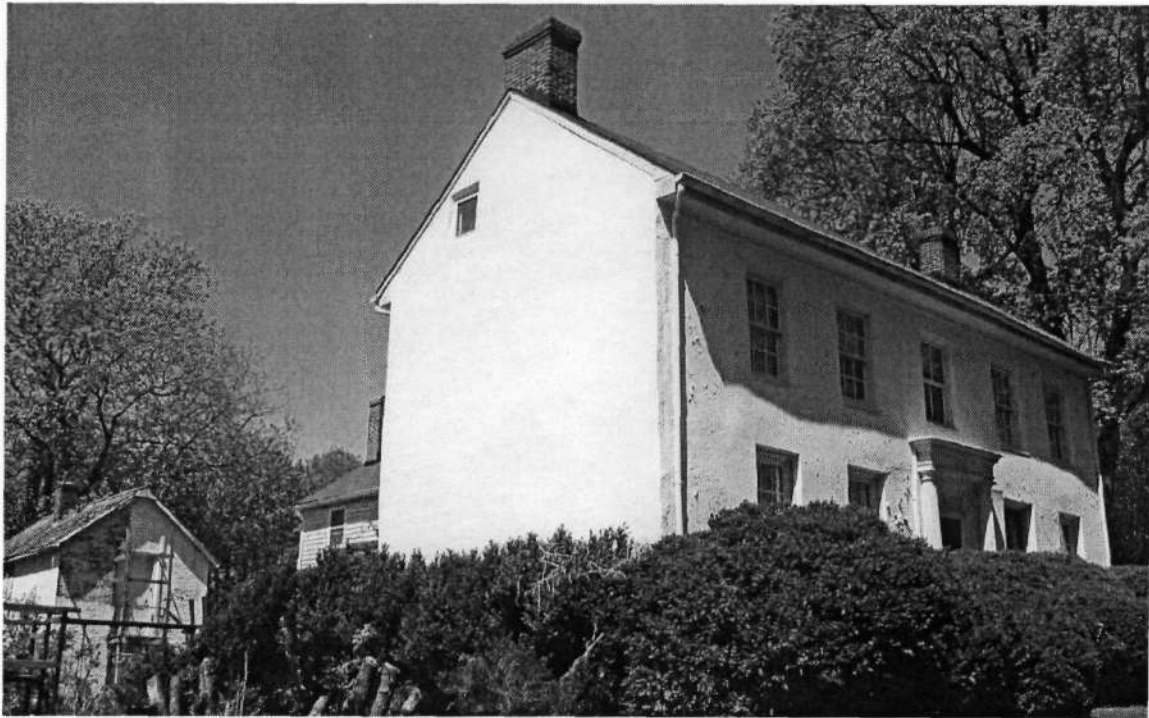
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East façade



Southeast elevation

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South façade of rear (west) wing



Southwest elevation of rear wing, and frame outbuilding

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West elevation

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Northwest elevation



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